

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 21, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Garner (R)
Rep. Greef (R)
Rep. Skees (R)
Rep. Staffanson (R)
Rep. Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 436, 2/13/2017; HB 439, 2/13/2017; HB 499, 2/17/2017;
HB 501, 2/17/2017

HEARING ON HB 501

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:42 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 501,
Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:12 Jeff Laszloffy, Self
00:04:18 Rep. Staffanson joined meeting
00:08:05 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:09:18 Mona Jamison, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:11 David Ewer, Montana Board of Investments (BOI)
00:28:20 Sk Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:35 Rep. Bachmeier
00:31:19 Rep. A. Knudsen
00:33:26 Rep. Hayman
00:34:25 David Ewer, BOI
00:36:15 Rep. Bennett
00:36:43 Rep. A. Knudsen
00:37:05 Rep. Bennett
00:37:18 Chair Mandeville
00:37:50 Rep. A. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:11 Rep. A. Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 499

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:23 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 499, Require
actuarial report using alternative assumption for investment earnings.

[**EXHIBIT\(sth38a01\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:26 Shawn Graham, Teacher's Retirement System (TRS)
00:55:47 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Systems (MPERA)

[**EXHIBIT\(sth38a02\)**](#)

01:00:01 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association- Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA- MFT)
01:02:44 Mike O'Connor, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMPRE)
01:05:53 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:07:22 Rep. Staffanson
01:07:56 Rep. Burnett
01:08:51 Rep. Staffanson
01:09:17 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
01:10:43 Rep. McKamey
01:11:17 Rep. Burnett
01:11:24 Rep. McKamey
01:11:43 Rep. Burnett
01:12:06 Rep. McKamey
01:12:18 Chair Mandeville
01:12:33 Rep. McKamey
01:13:13 Rep. Burnett
01:13:38 Rep. McKamey
01:13:56 Chair Mandeville
01:14:15 Rep. Webb
01:14:35 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
01:15:40 Rep. Custer
01:15:58 Melanie Symons, MPERA
01:17:05 Chair Mandeville
01:17:15 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

EXHIBIT(sth38a03)

01:17:37 Chair Mandeville

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:01 Rep. Burnett

HEARING ON HB 436**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:20:41 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 436, Require voter approval for employer contribution increases in retirement systems.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:22:51 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Systems (MPERA)

EXHIBIT(sth38a04)

01:27:16 David Mott, Self
01:29:44 Shawn Graham, Teacher's Retirement Systems (TRS)
01:34:25 Leo Berry, Self
01:39:16 David Galt, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMPRE)
01:40:32 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:41:34 Jessie Luther, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA),
Association of Montana Troopers (AMT), Montana Association of Clerks of
District Court (MACDC)

01:43:33 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:45:17 Marilyn Hamer, American Association of Retired Person (AARP)

EXHIBIT(sth38a05)

01:47:21 Charlene Suckow, Montana Retired Education Association (MREA)

EXHIBIT(sth38a06)

01:48:15 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

01:49:15 Derek Harvey, Montana State Firefighter's Association

01:49:42 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:26 Rep. McKamey
 01:52:08 Rep. Burnett
 01:53:18 Rep. McKamey
 01:53:47 Melanie Symons, MPERA
 01:54:02 Rep. Skees
 01:55:16 Rep. Burnett
 01:55:45 Rep. Skees
 01:56:38 Leo Berry, Self
 01:57:13 Rep. Skees
 01:57:30 Leo Berry, Self
 01:58:02 Rep. Staffanson
 01:58:48 Rep. Burnett
 01:59:27 Chair Mandeville
 01:59:34 Rep. Staffanson
 01:59:45 Rep. Custer
 02:00:34 Sheryl Wood, MACo
 02:01:24 Rep. McKamey
 02:01:51 Rep. Burnett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:37 Rep. Burnett

02:03:39 Recessed

02:10:13 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 439

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:10:28 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 439, Clarifying when a state employment receives additional comp for supervisory duty.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:13:33 Anjette Schaffer, Department of Administration (DOA)

Informational Testimony:

02:16:39 Bonnie Shoemaker, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:17:08 Rep. McKamey
02:18:03 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
02:18:21 Anjenette Schaffer DOA
02:18:49 Rep. Price
02:23:21 Rep. Ehli
02:24:30 Rep. Fleming
02:25:23 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
02:26:20 Rep. McKamey
02:26:29 Rep. Webb
02:26:52 Anjenette Schaffer, DOA
02:27:00 Rep. Webb
02:27:11 Anjenette Schaffer DOA
02:28:26 Rep. Custer
02:29:26 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
02:30:05 Rep. Skees
02:30:34 Rep. Ehli
02:32:40 Rep. Hayman
02:33:17 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
02:33:29 Rep. Staffanson
02:33:47 Rep. Ehli
02:35:10 Rep. Karjala
02:40:46 Anjenette Schaffer, DOA
02:41:32 Rep. Skees
02:45:31 Rep. Ehli
02:46:17 Rep. Staffanson
02:46:41 Rep. Ehli
02:49:03 Rep. Custer
02:49:39 Rep. Ehli
02:50:56 Rep. McKamey
02:53:00 Rep. Ehli
02:54:10 Rep. Shaw
02:55:13 Rep. Ehli
02:56:35 Chair Mandeville
02:56:52 Anjenette Schaffer, DOA
02:58:03 Chair Mandeville
02:58:27 Rep. Ehli
02:59:09 Chair Mandeville
02:59:19 Rep. Ehli

Closing by Sponsor:

03:00:25 Rep Ehli

03:02:53 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:04:04

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth38aad.pdf](#))